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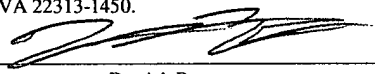
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "AN EXERCISE APPARATUS WITH A VARIABLE STRIDE SYSTEM" – Robert E. Rodgers, Jr.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) A 158 page patent application including a title page, 35 page description, 768 claims on 95 pages, a one page abstract, and 43 Figures on 26 pages;
- (2) An originally executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages);
- (3) Originally executed Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (2 pages);
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This application claims priority to Provisional Patent Applications No. 60/476,548; 60/486,333; 60/490,154; 60/491,382; 60/494,308; VARIABLE STRIDE EXERCISE DEVICE – Robert E. Rodgers, Jr. filed September 19, 2003; 60/511,190; and VARIABLE STRIDE EXERCISE DEVICE – Robert E. Rodgers, Jr. filed October 29, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail.

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